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Title: MECHANICALLY-STABLE BJT WITH REDUCED BASE-COLLECTOR

CAPACITANCE

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## RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

Applicant agrees that the Examiner has accurately stated one reason for allowance of the claims. However, the claims include other patentable aspects that were not identified by the Examiner. This response is submitted to avoid the possibility of any unnecessary limitation on the scope of the claims which might result from the stated reason for allowance. It is being submitted concurrently with the issue fee payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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